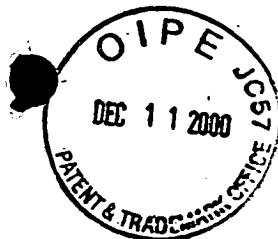


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Serial No.: 09/225,879

Filed: January 5, 1999

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FOR IMPROVED ROOT CANAL TREATMENT AND METHOD

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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED
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PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.137(b))**

The above identified U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/225,879, Batch No. 067 received a Notice of allowance dated June 30, 2000. The issue fee was due on October 2, 2000 and payment was unintentionally delayed due to the undersigned attorney changing law firms. The Notice of Abandonment mailed November 7, 2000, was eventually received by the undersigned on November 20, 2000, and diligent actions to match the file to the action to respond and to petition were undertaken. The entire delay was unintentional. The application has a Verified Statement on file with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. It is confirmed that the current owner of this patent still qualifies for small entity status.

A check in the amount of \$635.00 is submitted herewith to cover the appropriate Issue Fee and advanced patent copy fees. Form PTOL-85B and the formal drawing are enclosed. A check in the amount of \$620.00 to cover the Petition Fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m) is also enclosed as a

condition of accepting an unintentionally delayed payment of the maintenance fee. A Change of Address request is also enclosed.

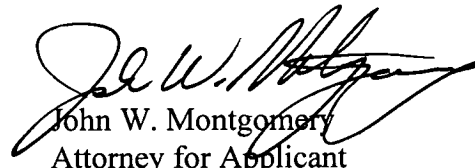
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The entire delay in the submission of the formal drawings was also unintentional. In the event that acceptance of the drawings requires a request for extension of time and payment of an extension fee, kindly consider this to be such a request for extension of two months and charge the required fee to Haynes and Boone, L.L.P. Deposit Account No.08-1394.

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Petitioner requests that the delayed payment of the Issue Fee be accepted and the patent application be reinstated for issuing as a patent.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures: Issue Fee Payment
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